

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING SHERRY POCKNETT ON EARNING THE COVETED HONOR OF
ATTAINING THE JAMES BEARD "BEST CHEF NORTHEAST" AWARD

Introduced By: Representatives Spears, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Henries, Chippendale,
Kennedy, Tanzi, Ajello, Fenton-Fung, and Shallcross Smith

Date Introduced: June 14, 2023

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The James Beard Awards are considered the "culinary world's Oscars".
2 Awardees are the cream of the crop and the best of the best, and this year that list includes Sherry
3 Pocknett, owner and chef extraordinaire at the Sly Fox Den Too in Charlestown; and

4 WHEREAS, James Beard was a legendary chef, cookbook author, and television
5 personality, and the awards given in his name have become coveted accolades that can define an
6 individual or restaurant's legacy; and

7 WHEREAS, Sherry Pocknett is a member of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and is the
8 first Indigenous female chef winner of a James Beard Award. Her restaurant, the Sly Fox Den
9 Too, opened in 2021, and is named after her father, Chief Sly Fox; and

10 WHEREAS, Sly Fox Den Too is a unique culinary experience featuring local Native
11 American cuisine from corn cakes made with ground yellow cornmeal and dried cranberries to
12 quahog chowder, and guaranteed to make a repeat visit inevitable; and

13 WHEREAS, Chef Pocknett grew up with a love for nature's seasonal bounties, whether it
14 was eels, duck, herring, fiddlehead ferns, or scallops, there would always be a special recipe to
15 tantalize the taste buds; and

16 WHEREAS, As her father had taught her, Chef Pocknett is teaching her daughters, Jade
17 Pocknett-Galvin and Cheyenne Pocknett-Galvin to continue the family tradition and build and
18 expand on her dreams and success in creating unforgettable culinary experiences for their very
19 fortunate patrons; now, therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
2 congratulates Sherry Pocknett on earning the prestigious James Beard "Best Chef Northeast"
3 Award. We furthermore extend best wishes for a full house and continued success; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
6 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Chef Sherry Pocknett.

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